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to sun spots. Of the 20 papers in the volume, 16 relate to meteorological topics and the 4 remaining papers deal with Terrestrial Magnetism, in which the author penetrates far into the exploration of this branch of science and discusses the theories and results which the study has made prominent. The volume has already been widely welcomed by specialists in these departments of research.

La Grande Ile de Madagascar. Par Marius-Ary Leblond. 320 pp., numerous Illustrations, Appendices and Bibliography. Librairie Ch. Delagrave, Paris, 1907.

The author brought to the composition of this book qualifications that are not often combined in a single writer. His special studies of Madagascar and his travels in that island have made for him the reputation in France of being one of the authoritative writers on the colony. His attainments also in geology and ethnography are of no mean order; and as might be expected of the editor of the *Revue des Deux-Mondes*, he has given to his book a literary flavour that is not very common in geographical writings. Another somewhat unusual characteristic of the book is the fact that though it is based upon the author's own observations, there is no intimation, except in the preface, that he ever saw Madagascar. The work is entirely objective. Mr. Leblond's literary skill and vivid imagination make the book delightful reading; but it is much more than that, for he saw things not merely in their superficial aspects, and he has produced a very informing work, saved from all dullness by the skill of an accomplished man of letters.

He describes the various natural regions of the island, the races, their manners, work, amusements, culture, arts, beliefs and superstitions, and, in conclusion, sketches the natural resources of Madagascar and shows how fully they meet the actual requirements of the people. The many photographs are chiefly of natives, a good black map shows the relief of the land and the notes are reserved for the appendices. The bibliography contains many titles, chiefly recent.

Untersuchungen zur Geographie der Odyssee. Von Dr. Gustav Lang. 122 pp., 5 Illustrations, 4 Maps, and Index. Verlag der Hofbuchhandlung. Friedrich Gutsch, Karlsruhe, 1905. (Price, M. 3.)

One of the recent contributions to the probably insoluble question whether Leucas island, in the Ionian Archipelago, is identical with the Homeric island of Ithaca, as has been maintained by Dörpfeld and other archæologists. Dr. Lang dissents from the conclusions reached by Dörpfeld, which were based largely upon his own examination of the geographical features of Leucas.

Neuf Ans à Madagascar. Par Général Gallieni. xiv and 372 pp., 72 Illustrations, Map in Colours, and Appendix. Hachette et Cie., Paris, 1908. (Price, 25 frs.)

One of the greatest recent events in French colonial history was the pacification and organization of Madagascar by Gen. Gallieni, who was Governor-General of the island and its dependencies from September, 1896, to November, 1905. This book contains the General's own summary of that monumental work. Gallieni entered Madagascar when its condition was chaotic and the first thing to do was to restore peace and order. Both the military and the civil power were in his hands, and as fast as peace was restored in one district the work of political and